

CAT KILLER VS. BABY KILLER

July 10, 1998 (David W. Cloud, Fundamental Baptist Information Service, www.wayoflife.org) - Two decisions in the American justice system today exposed the wickedness of the same.

In New Jersey, a teenage girl who strangled and suffocated her baby boy and left him in a trash receptacle was allowed to plead guilty to aggravated manslaughter. Prosecutors will recommend that she be sentenced to no more than 15 years in prison, and she could be eligible for parole after three or four years. After killing her baby, the mom returned to the dance floor at her senior prom.

In Wisconsin, a man was sentenced to 12 years in prison for killing five cats. When the judge announced the incredible sentence, about 200 animal-rights activists who had packed the court cheered.

The Bible demands the death penalty for taking a human life. The girl who killed her baby should be put to death for her horrible crime. Instead she will spend three or four years in prison and will then be free. This is a wicked sentence and is one of the reasons our society is filled with violence. Though the Bible does not condone the torture of animals, the killing of an animal is not in the same league as that of a human being. People are made in the image of God. Animals are not.

The Bible plainly says that the man who takes a life is to forfeit his own life (Gen. 9:6). The Law of Moses called for capital punishment in the case of murder (Lev. 24:17; Deut. 19:11-13).

Some think the Mosaic law was barbaric in its dealings with serious crime. On the contrary. It is barbaric to allow wickedness to go unpunished. When severe justice is not meted out to capital offenders, evil spreads like leaven throughout society. The wicked become increasingly brazen. Fear of God diminishes. God is not only a God of love, but a God of holiness and justice. The Bible speaks of the deterrent factor of capital punishment: Deut. 13:11; 17:7,13; 19:20; 21:21; Rom. 13:3,4. The Bible also says that only by taking the life of the murderer can the stain of murder be cleansed from the land (Num. 35:31-34; Deut. 19:13).